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1. WIRED: DANGER ROOM:

[Putin Preps Russian Navy for Biggest Exercise Since the Soviet Union](#): “Russia’s upcoming naval exercise is chance for Vladimir Putin to show off his military. But it may also be a warning to the U.S.: stay clear of waters that lie in Russia’s sphere of influence.”

2. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:

[Carriers of the Indo-Pacific Maritime Great Game](#): “However, while most observers were busy with *Liaoning*, Asia’s only operational aircraft carrier, India’s *INS Viraat*, has largely been left out of the discussion. The first reason why India’s carrier must be taken more seriously than China: operational experience.”

3. OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)

AOL DEFENSE:

[Why The Pacific Strategy Requires A Western Hemisphere Energy Policy](#): “Energy security is a key element of national security. The missing piece of America’s energy security policy, in turn, is the glaring absence of a strategy to coordinate and secure the enormous energy resources of the Western hemisphere.”

ARES:

[Aeros Tests Pelican Variable-Buoyancy Airship](#): “Aeros has completed its experimental rigid variable-buoyancy airship and accomplished the first of four tasks under its contract with the Pentagon’s Rapid Reaction Technology Office.”

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[Volatile Venezuela Braces Itself For A Dead President](#): “According to an ABC News report, Dr. Rafael Marquina, a Venezuelan who claims to have inside information, thinks it’s only a matter of time before Chavez is disconnected from the machines currently keeping him alive.”

[How Obama's 'Disposition Matrix' Decides The Fate Of 'Terrorists'](#): “What follows is a flow chart ... that takes us through the criteria and decision points that can lead to a suspect terrorist’s being ignored as a minor nuisance, being prosecuted in federal court, being held in a Pakistani prison, or being met with the business end of a Hellfire missile.”

CENTER FOR NEW AMERICAN SECURITY:

[Kim's Call for Peace with S. Korea Met With Skepticism](#): “Despite the soothing nature of the speech and its lack of criticism of the United States, observers saw little concrete evidence that the young leader will make notable concessions on Washington’s primary demand that North Korea halt development of nuclear weapons and the ballistic missiles that could deliver them in long-range strikes.”

[Smart Shift](#): “The shift of U.S. attention and resources to the Asia-Pacific region, a signature piece of President Barack Obama’s foreign policy agenda, enjoys considerable bipartisan support in Washington and has earned the praise of scholars and practitioners alike. Skeptics demur, however, arguing ... this “pivot”... is a heavy-handed policy that has unnecessarily antagonized China.”

THE DEW LINE:

[Sale Of Global Hawk To South Korea Will Help Create Global Surveillance Network](#): "Sales of the Global Hawk to close friends and allies could be the basis for the creation of a virtual global surveillance network. Operating out of Europe, South Asia and the Western Pacific region, the national fleets of Global Hawks could provide continuous surveillance of the world's major hotspots, maritime chokepoints and sea lanes."

FAST COMPANY:

[A 3-D Printer Will Soon Print You New Organs](#): "Autodesk recently announced that it's teaming up with bioprinting company [Organovo](#) to develop software that can design human tissue to be printed out on 3-D printers. In the near future, the printed organs are expected to be used in research. But down the line, they could end up inside real, live humans--an alternative to today's inefficient organ donation process."

GLOBAL GUERRILLAS:

[DRONENET: The next BIG thing](#): "Here's the next BIG thing. Something that has the potential to be as big as the Internet. It's one of those ideas that hits you like a ton of bricks once you figure it out. Given the rise in the entrepreneurial backchatter I'm getting on it, I suspect it's going to roll out very quickly. More quickly than most people think once it gets going, since most of the infrastructure required to put it into motion is already in place. What is it? It's an Internet of drones."

[An open drone network vs. closed logistics networks](#)

[What a Dronet \(a more compressed spelling?\) can leverage](#)

HUMAN CAPITAL:

[Managing Change is More Difficult Than Ever, Top Executives Say](#)

NDIA:

[Report: Despite Budget Cuts, Federal Information Security Market Will Grow](#): "Growing cyberthreats targeted at government agencies will not only keep information security companies afloat, business will grow by leaps and bounds, a new report by Deltek, a Herndon, Va.-based provider of enterprise software and information solutions, concluded."